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TITLE OF INVENTION: LIQUID DISCHARGE RECORDING HEAD CARTRIDGE AND LIQUID DISCHARGE RECORDING APPARATUS

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Election Response filed on 26 January 2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-23.
3. The drawings filed on 10 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5-7
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


Stephen D. Meier
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species B, readable on claims 14-23 in Paper filed on 26 January 2004 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 1-13 and 24-48 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected Species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in Paper filed on 26 January 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 10 July 2001, 20 December 2001 and 11 July 2002 were filed and are being considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John A. Krause on 26 April 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

-Cancel claims 1-13 and 24-48 without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 14-23 are allowed.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Schell et al (US 5,821,966) discloses an ink jet print cartridge having an ink manifold and the outlet port sealed by placing a foam member, in compression, between two adjoining surfaces. Karita et al (US 5,262,802) discloses an ink cartridge with a seal member sealing both the ejection port and the air vent. Nozawa et al (US 6,102,533) discloses an ink cartridge having a claw-like projection for engagement with a first hole, and a latch claw for engagement with a second hole. Arashima et al (US 6,293,652) discloses a method for coupling a liquid jet head unit with an elastic member having holes corresponding to each of the supply-opening group.

Reasons for Allowance

7. The primary reason for the allowance of claim 14 is the inclusion of the limitations of an elastic sealing member arranged between one end portion of the liquid supply path of the plate member of the recording unit and the end portion facing one end portion of the liquid supply path on the communication passage of the liquid supply unit portion; wherein the liquid supply unit portion and the recording element unit are adhesively bonded with each other for coupling on the bonding face portions other than the locations having the elastic sealing member arranged in compression. It is these limitations found in each of the claims, as they are claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to An H. Do whose telephone number is 571-272-2143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 27, 2004


Stephen D. Meier
Primary Examiner

Claims 1-13 canceled.

14. A liquid discharge head cartridge comprising:
5 a recording element unit including a plate member
provided with liquid supply paths for supplying liquid
to a recording element base plate for performing
recording operation by discharging liquid;
10 a liquid supply unit portion provided with
communication passage for conducting liquid from the
liquid supply source for supplying liquid to send out
said liquid through said communication passage; and
15 an elastic sealing member arranged between one end
portion of the liquid supply path of the plate member
of said recording element unit and the end portion
facing one end portion of said liquid supply path on
the communication passage of said liquid supply unit
portion, and provided with liquid flow paths
communicating with said liquid supply paths and said
20 communication passage to seal between one end portion
of liquid supply paths of said recording element unit
and the communication passage of said liquid supply
unit portion, wherein
25 said liquid supply unit portion and said recording
element unit are adhesively bonded with each other for
coupling on the bonding face portions other than the
locations having said elastic sealing member arranged

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in compression.

15. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein said elastic sealing member is provided with ribs on the portion facing one end portion of the liquid supply paths of said recording element unit to surround each opening end portion of said liquid flow paths, while abutting against said portion.

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16. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein said elastic sealing member is formed by chlorinated butyl rubber.

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17. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein said elastic sealing member provides the contact pressure of 5 (N) or more and 30 (N) or less.

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18. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein the plate member of said recording element unit is formed by either one of silicon, alumina, aluminum nitride, silicon carbide, molybdenum, and tungsten.

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19. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein said liquid supply unit

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portion and said recording element unit are adhesively bonded by use of epoxy adhesive agent or ultraviolet hardening adhesive agent.

5 20. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 19, wherein said liquid supply unit portion and said recording unit are adhesively bonded on plural locations for coupling.

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10 21. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 19, wherein when said liquid supply unit portion and said recording unit are adhesively bonded by use of epoxy adhesive agent or ultraviolet hardening adhesive agent, said recording element unit is held by a holding member against said liquid supply unit portion.

22. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 14, wherein the contact face of said 20 liquid supply unit portion is given a reforming process.

23. A liquid discharge recording head cartridge according to Claim 22, wherein said reforming process 25 is a high frequency corona surface treatment or an oxygen plasma treatment.

Claims 24-48 canceled.